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(Case No. 03-796)

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For: Method and Apparatus for Controlling a	)	Confirmation No. 8957
Signal Control Port	)	

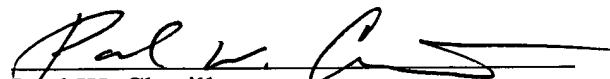
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In regard to the above-identified patent application:

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an indication of the status of the above-referenced application. This application was filed on September 4, 2003. However, to date, Applicants have not received an Office Action. Applicants would gratefully appreciate receiving a written communication indicating when they may expect to receive a first Office Action for this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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